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1. MISSION HAS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED AIT DISCUSSIONS IN U.S.-THAI  
WORKING GROUP ON BASIS OF REF A. REVISED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
CONTAINING RATHER EXTENSIVE REORGANIZATION OF CONTENTS FOLLOWS.

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SUBJECT TO AND WITH THE PRIOR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ROYAL THAI  
GOVERNMENT (RTG) AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG) HAVE AGREED  
IN PRINCIPLE TO THE STORAGE IN ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES (RTARF)  
FACILITIES OF AMMUNITION BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF DEFENSE (DOD), THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) IS  
PROVIDED TO AMPLIFY AND CLARIFY THE BASIC AGREEMENT.

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1. THE TERM AMMUNITION IN THAILAND (AIT) REFERS TO THE APPROX-

IMATELY 14,480 SHORT TONS OF US TITLED AMMUNITION STOCKS STORED IN THAILAND UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS MOA. STOCKS WHOSE TITLE HAS TRANSFERRED TO THE RTARF ARE EXCLUDED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED.

2. RTARF SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (FORWARD) (SCHQ(FWD)) WILL BE THE RTG EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR AIT. THE JOINT UNITED STATES MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP, THAILAND (JUSMAGTHAI) WILL BE THE USG EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR AIT. A COORDINATING GROUP KNOWN AS THE AMMUNITION IN THAILAND COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH EXECUTIVE AGENT WILL BE APPOINTED TO COORDINATE RTARF SCHQ(FWD)/JUSMAGTHAI RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS MOA, AND WILL PREPARE NECESSARY ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS OR STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED.

3. THE RTARF AGREES TO PURCHASE THE AIT IN INCREMENTS AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO 1 AUGUST 1979. THE COST OF EACH INCREMENT WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON U.S. POLICY AND LEGAL GUIDANCE PERTINENT AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE OF THAT INCREMENT. THE RTARF WILL NOT BE COMMITTED IN ADVANCE TO FUTURE PURCHASES ON TERMS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE RTARF AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. RTARF AIT PURCHASES WILL USE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) PROCEDURES. UPON COMPLETION OF RTARF AIT PURCHASES, THE JUSMAGTHAI PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIT PROGRAM WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THAILAND ALONG WITH ANY REMAINING STOCKS. THE RTARF WILL PROVIDE MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT (MHE), TRANSPORTATION FROM THE STORAGE FACILITY TO THE ON-LOADING PORT AND STEVEDORING AND PORT OPERATIONS SERVICES FOR SUCH WITHDRAWALS, THE COST OF WHICH WILL BE REIMBURSABLE BY THE USG.

4. JUSMAGTHAI AGREES THAT AFTER PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH AND APPROVAL OF USG AUTHORITIES, AIT STOCKS MAY BE USED BY THE RTARF TO REPEAL AN EXTERNAL INVASION OR A MAJOR INSURGENT UPRISING PENDING COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PURCHASE. AIT STOCKS MAY NOT BE USED FOR TRAINING OR ROUTINE OPERATIONS.

5. THE RTARF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE AIT STOCKS AND OTHER USG PROPERTY PRESENT IN THAILAND IN SUPPORT OF AIT.

6. THE RTARF AGREES THAT PRIOR TO PURCHASE, AIT STOCKS REMAIN UNDER THE CONTROL OF JUSMAGTHAI, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES RETAIN AUTHORITY TO TAKE INVENTORY OF AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE AMMUNITION SO STORED.

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7. AIT STOCKS WILL INITIALLY BE STORED IN THE RTARF KORAT AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT (KASD) LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF KORAT, THAILAND. THE RTARF AGREES THAT AIT STOCKS WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE KASD OR WITHIN OTHER JUSMAGTHAI APPROVED STORAGE LOCATIONS WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE JUSMAGTHAI AIT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER. KEYS TO THE AIT STORAGE BUILDINGS, WAREHOUSES, IGLOOS OR MAGAZINES WILL REMAIN IN THE IUSTODY OF THE JUSMAGTHAI AIT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER.

STOCKS PURCHASED BY THE RTARF MAY BE RETAINED IN THE STORAGE FACILITY OR MAY BE REMOVED BY THE RTARF. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVEMENT OF AIT AND/OR RTARF PURCHASED STOCKS WILL BE BORNE BY THE RTARF. THE RTARF WILL INSURE THAT ALL AIT STOCKS ARE DISTINCTLY MARKED AND SEGREGATED FROM RTARF AMMUNITION. RTARF AMMUNITION WHICH IS STORED IN THE SAME STORAGE FACILITY AS AIT STOCKS WILL BE STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH US ARMY SAFETY STANDARDS. THE RTARF AGREES TO RECEIVE, STORE, ISSUE, REWAREHOUSE AND TRANSPORT AIT STOCKS IN COMPLIANCE WITH US ARMY STANDARDS.

8. THE USG NEED NOT REPLACE ANY ITEM IN THE AIT STOCKPILE WHICH MAY BECOME UNSERVICEABLE FOR ANY CAUSE, IS REQUIRED FOR USE BY US MILITARY FORCES OR WHICH MAY DISAPPEAR AS A RESULT OF THEFT, FIRE, NATURAL DISASTER OR ANY OTHER CAUSE. THE RTARF AGREE TO REIMBURSE THE USG FOR ALL AIT STOCKS WHICH MAY DISAPPEAR OR BE DESTROYED DUE TO NEGLIGENCE, INATTENTION OR MALFEASANCE OF RTARF PERSONNEL. JUSMAGTHAI MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, WITHDRAW AIT STOCKS FROM THAILAND.

9. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE AIT STOCKS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE RTARF. US ARMY STANDARDS WILL BE USED FOR ALL ITEMS AFFECTING THE SAFETY OF AMMUNITION AND PERSONNEL. RTARF MAINTENANCE STANDARDS WILL APPLY OTHERWISE.

10. AMMUNITION MAINTENANCE OF THE AIT STOCKS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RTARF. ALL COSTS FOR THIS MAINTENANCE WILL BE BORNE BY THE RTARF. AMMUNITION MAINTENANCE MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY JUSMAGTHAI.

11. ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RETENTION OF THE AIT PROGRAM STOCKS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE COST OF SECURITY, STORAGE, ISSUE, REWAREHOUSING, MAINTENANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SURVEILLANCE OF AIT STOCKS, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF AIT PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE STORAGE FACILITIES WILL  
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BE BORNE BY THE RTARF, EXCLUDING SALARIES OF US PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE STOCKS. THESE COSTS WILL BE PURCHASED UNDER A SEPARATE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CASE. SERVICE IN KIND MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE RTARF IN LIEU OF PURCHASE UNDER FMS.

12. THE RTARF WILL ASSURE THE US ARMY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR AMMUNITION STORAGE ARE MET. IF APPROPRIATE JUSMAGTHAI MAY AGREE TO PROCESS REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF THOSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN SO REQUESTED BY RTARF SCHQ(FWD). THE UNITED STATES ARMY CENTRAL AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT OFFICE - PACIFIC (CAMO-PAC) IS DESIGNATED AS THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR AMMUNITION EXPLOSIVE SAFETY WAIVER REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY JUSMAGTHAI. THE RTARF AGREE TO RECEIVE, STORE AND TRANSPORT THE AIT STOCKS IN COMPLIANCE WITH US ARMY STANDARDS.

13. STOCK RECORD ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (SURVEIL-  
LANCE) WILL REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF JUSMAGTHAI. TEST WEAPONS  
REQUIRED TO FUNCTION TEST THE AMMUNITION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE  
RTARF. STORAGE, ISSUE, REWAREHOUSING (AS APPROVED BY THE JUSMAGTHAI  
AIT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER) AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL SUPPORT  
WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE RTARF.

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14. WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SIGNATURE OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASIC  
AGREEMENT, THE JUSMAGTHAI AIT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER AND THE RTARF  
KASD COMMANDER WILL INFORM THE AIT COORDINATIONS COMMITTEE IN  
WRITING OF THE ITEMS, QUANTITIES ON HAND AND CONDITION CODES OF  
THE AIT STOCKS. THE JUSMAGTHAI ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER WILL CONDUCT  
QUARTERLY 100 PCT INVENTORY OF AIT STOCKS. ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN  
ACTUAL INVENTORY AND ACCOUNTABLE STOCK RECORDS (OVER OR SHORT) WILL  
BE REPORTED TO THE RTARF KASD COMMANDER, JUSMAGTHAI AND CAMO-PAC.  
AIT STOCKS PURCHASED BY THE RTARF WILL BE DROPPED FROM JUSMAGTHAI  
ACCOUNTABLE STOCK RECORDS AT THE TIME OF TITLE TRANSFER.

15. THE RTARF WILL PROVIDE SUITABLE ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE FOR JUS-  
MAGTHAI USE. ADDITIONALLY, THE RTARF WILL PROVIDE COMMON USER COM-

MUNICATIONS, AND UTILITIES INCLUDING ELECTRICITY, DRINKING WATER, AND MOGAS FOR THE MOD VEHICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE JUSMAGTHAI AIT PERSONNEL LOCATED AS KASD OR OTHER JUSMAGTHAI APPROVED STORAGE FACILITIES. JUSMAGTHAI MANNING FOR AIT (ASSUMING ONLY ONE STORAGE FACILITY AT KASD) IS:

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PROGRAM MANAGER	MAJ	1
ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER	CPT	1
CHIEF, STOCK CONTROL NCO	E-8	1
AMMUNITION INSPECTOR	E-7	1
QASAS	GS-12	1
SECRETARY/TRANSLATOR	TG-07	1
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	TG-07	1
STOCK INVENTORY CLERK	TG-05	2
STOCK RECORD CLERK	TG-05	4
CHIEF, AMMUNITION INSPECTOR	TG-08	1
AMMUNITION INSPECTOR	TG-07	2
DRIVER	TG-05	5
TOTAL		21

JUSMAGTHAI AGREES THAT WHEN POSSIBLE AIT PERSONNEL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING AS REQUESTED BY THE RTARF. COORDINATION FOR THIS WILL BE EFFECTED AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL.

16. OTHER DETAILS NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS MOA MAY BE ADDED AT ANY TIME WITH THE MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE RTARF SCHQ(FWD) AND JUSMAGTHAI. RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CHANGES WILL BE PREPARED BY THE AIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE. DISAGREEMENTS WILL BE RESOLVED AT THE LOWEST LEVEL AS FOLLOWS:

US	THAI
ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER, KASD	COMMANDER KASD
AIT PROGRAM MANAGER, BANGKOK	RTARF SCHQ(FWD)J4
AIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE	AIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
CHIEF, JUSMAGTHAI	CHIEF OF STAFF, RTARF SCHQ
AMERICAN EMBASSY	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

17. THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE HEREOF AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL DETERMINATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO EXECUTIVE AGENTS. SIGNED AT BANGKOK IN ENGLISH AND THAI LANGUAGES, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC, THIS-----DAY OF-----.

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CH, JUSMAGTHAI RTARF SCHQ (FWD)

2. IN PARAGRAPH 1, THE QUESTION OF SPECIFIC STORAGE LOCATION WAS DELETED, TO BE ADDRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 7. DEFINITION OF AIT AS  
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EXCLUDING THAT ALREADY TRANSFERRED TO THAI HAS BEEN ADDED FOR  
SAKE OF CLARITY.

3. PARAGRAPH 2 IS A REVISION OF PREVIOUS PARA 21, MAKING USG  
EXECUTIVE AGENTS MORE PRECISE.

4. PARAGRAPH 3 GATHERS TOGETHER LANGUAGE IN PREVIOUS DRAFT REFER-  
ING TO PURCHASES AND WITHDRAWALS OF AMMUNITION. IT PROVIDES A  
SPECIFIC DATE BEFORE WHICH SUCH PURCHASES MUST BE MADE, STATES THAT  
FMS PROCEDURES WILL BE USED, AND DELETES THE REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE  
ANY STOCKS IN THE FIRST YEAR. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER POINT, WE  
UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS, BUT THE RTG MILITARY WILL SIMPLY  
NOT AGREE TO MAKE SUCH PURCHASES WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR. THE THAI,  
WHO ARE EXTREMELY ADAMANT ON THIS ISSUE, WILL ONLY AGREE TO THE  
PROPOSAL THAT THE AIT PURCHASE BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE YEARS.  
MISSION IS RELUCTANT TO FORCE A CONFRONTATION WITH RTG ON THIS  
ISSUE, WHICH COULD VERY WELL JEOPARDIZE ENTIRE NEGOTIATIONS.  
REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE.

5. PARAGRAPH 4 IS NEW PARAGRAPH AT THAI REQUEST TO THE EFFECT THAT  
IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SUCH AS EXTERNAL AGGRESSION, THE RTARF  
COULD USE THE AIT STOCKS AFTER CONSULTING USG. THAI HAVE BEEN  
DISCUSSING THIS WITH US EVER SINCE AIT BEGAN IN MAY 1975. MISSION  
RECONGIZES PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THAI REQUEST AND WILL SEEK TO  
OBTAIN THAI AGREEMENT TO INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE PERMITTING SUCH  
EMERGENCY UTILIZATION "PENDING COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
PURCHASE" AS PER PARAGRAPH 4 OF TEXT.

6. PARAGRAPH 7 DRAWS TOGETHER REFERENCES TO QUESTION OF STORAGE OF  
AIT AND HAKES PROVISION FOR MULTIPLE STORAGE LOCATIONS AFTER U.S.  
APPROVAL AND UNDE  
STRINGENT CONTROLS. PROVISIONS FOR MOVEMENT WERE  
INSERTED AT GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S REQUEST BASED ON REASONS OF  
SECURITY AND THAI MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS. WE ARE SATISFIED  
THAT PARAGRAPH 7 CONTAINS SUFFICIE T LANGUAGE TO INSURE PROPER  
ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFETY OF THE STOCKS.

7. GENERAL KRIANGSAK HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ON LIABILITY IN CASE  
LIGHTNING STRIKES AMMUNITION. BELIEVE HIS FEARS ALREADY LAID TO  
REST BY PARAGRAPH 8, WHICH IS REWRITE OF PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS 18-19.

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8. PARAGRAPH 10 CONCERNING AMMUNITION MAINTENANCE DELETES LANGUAGE  
OF PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH 13 STATING THAT U.S. WILL PROVIDE AMMUNITION

PECULIAR REPAIR PARTS, DUE TO FACT THAT NO U.S. AMMUNITION MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN RETAINED IN THAILAND. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

9. PARAGRAPH 11 PROVIDES SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH 6 CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF ALL COSTS. IT WAS EXCLUDED AT THE REQUEST OF GENERAL KRIANGSAK, WHO BELIEVES THIS IS A U.S. RESPONSIBILITY. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED HIM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT U.S. WILL NOT ASSUME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RETAINING AIT IN THIS COUNTRY AND IS INSISTING UPON INCLUSION OF PARAGRAPH 11.

10. PARAGRAPH 12 VESTS U.S. APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR AMMUNITION STORAGE IN RESPONSIBLE U.S. ARMY AGENCY.

11. PARAGRAPH 13 ADDS REQUIREMENT THAT RTARF PROVIDE NECESSARY WEAPONS TO TEST AMMUNITION.

12. PARAGRAPH 14 IS ADDED AT REQUEST OF BOTH SIDES TO PROVIDE FOR JOINT INVENTORY OF STOCKS.

13. PARAGRAPH 15 IS A NEW PARAGRAPH REPLACING PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH 3, ADDING DETAIL AS TO JUSMAGTHAI MANNING FOR AIT, RTARF SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PERSONNEL, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR JUSMAG TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR RTARF PERSONNEL. LATTER POINT INSERTED AT GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S REQUEST, WHICH PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS TO US.

14. PARAGRAPH 16 INSERTED BY THAI SIDE TO PROVIDE FOR HANDLING OF DISAGREEMENTS AND CHANGES WHICH MAY NEED TO BE MADE IN THE FUTURE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

15. SINCE DRAFTING THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED MOA (REF B). WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A TACTICAL MISTAKE SO LATE IN THE NEGOTIATING GAME TO PRESENT A NEW DRAFT WHICH CONTAINS A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES TO THE RTG. EMBASSY PREFERS TO AWAIT DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ITS OWN REVISION HAMMERED OUT IN THREE WEEKS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THAI RATHER THAN TABLE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT AT THIS TIME.

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